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1. IN A DISCUSSION ON OCTOBER 15, FMT AVIATION OFFICIALS PAAS AND NIESTER INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT FRG PROPOSED ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO AFFINITY AND ABC CHARTERS HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL TRANSPORT MINISTER LAURITZEN FOR FINAL APPROVAL AND PAAS EXPECTED THAT THEY WOULD BE RELEASED TO THE CARRIERS WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. HE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY WHICH, WE BELIEVE, WILL
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NOT BE CHANGED BASICALLY.

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(A) FRG-ORIGIN AFFINITY CHARTERS WILL BE DISCONTINUED EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, WHICH CONFIRMS FRG ACTION ALREADY PUBLISHED IN NOTAM N 31/73 OF FEBRUARY 1, 1973, IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABC CHARTER RULES. THE FRG WILL CONTINUE, HOWEVER TO ACCEPT US-ORIGIN AFFINITIES THROUGH NOVEMBER 1974, POSSIBLY WITH SOME ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT CONTROL MEASURES YET TO BE DETERMINED.

(B) COMMERCIAL MILITARY CHARTER FLIGHTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE TREATED AS A SEPARATE CATEGORY AND WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY ANY FORTHCOMING ACTION.

(C) BOOKING PERIODS FOR ABC CHARTERS ARE TO BE REDUCED FROM THE PRESENT 90 TO 60 DAYS. PAAS NOTED THAT FRANCE AND THE UK ALSO DO NOT PLAN TO CONTINUE AFFINITIES AND ARE GIVING CONSIDERATION TO A REDUCTION OF ABC BOOKING PERIODS.

(D) THE FRG IS PLANNING TO INTRODUCE AN ADDITIONAL CATEGORY OF FLIGHTS UNDER ITS ABC RULES TO COVER "SHORT-TERM TRAVEL" FLIGHTS, I.E., ABC GROUPS ON FIVE DAY TRIPS BETWEEN THE FRG AND POINTS ABROAD.

2. NIESTER ADDED THAT THE EMBASSY WILL RECEIVE COPIES OF ANY NOTICES THE FMT SENDS TO AIR CARRIERS AS SOON AS RELEASED BY MINISTER LAURITZEN'S OFFICE. AT THAT TIME, HE FELT, AN EXAMINATION COULD BE MADE OF POSSIBLE EFFECTS UPON THE US/FRG MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF MARCH 1973 COVERING ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTERS. HE OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT THE NOTAM RE DISCONTINUATION OF AFFINITIES WAS REFERENCED IN THE MOU, SO THAT THIS POINT IS ALREADY COVERED. COMMENT: EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE, AT THIS TIME, OF ANY RESPECT IN WHICH THE MOU WOULD BE AFFECTED.

3. IN CONCLUSION, PAAS REFERRED TO THE FORTHCOMING TALKS AMONG CAB, ECAC AND CANADIAN OFFICIALS SHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 6-8 AT PARIS. HE HAD HEARD THAT THERE WERE "PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES" REGARDING US DESIRES ON THE AGENDA, NAMELY REGARDING THE ORDER IN WHICH THE QUESTION
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OF MULTILATERAL VERSUS BILATERAL TALKS BETWEEN THE US AND ECAC COUNTRIES WAS TO BE DISCUSSED. PAAS EXPRESSED THE SINCERE HOPE THAT THESE DIFFICULTIES WOULD NOT UPSET THE PROPOSED MEETING AT THE EXPERT LEVEL, WHICH HE FEELS IS OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSATLANTIC CHARTER BUSINESS IN 1974.
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